## METHOD AND APPARATUS TO ACCOUNT FOR HARD COPY COST Abstract of the Disclosure

In one embodiment, a method of accounting for printing to a sheet of media in a printing device includes recording the type of media actually used, determining an amount of pigment used on the sheet of media, and calculating the cost of printing to the media by adding the cost of the sheet of media actually used and the cost of the pigment used on the sheet of media. The method also includes determining an amortized cost related to the printing device per sheet of media, and adding it to the cost of the media and the cost of the pigment.